

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by
**PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW,
(TUESDAY),** the 26th March,
at 11 A.M., at H.M. NAVAL YARD,
**SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING,
OBSELETE AND CONDEMNED
STORES.**
Comprising:—
**OLD IRON (including IRON TANKS and
STEEL WIRE ROPE) PAPER STUFF,
CANVAS RAGS.**

TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [340c

PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received
 instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
THE FOLLOWING
LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES
situate in

SEYMOUR ROAD, VICTORIA, HONGKONG,
and in
MARKET STREET
and
BULKELEY STREET, HUNGHOM.
IN 2 LOTS,
and

MONDAY, the 1st day of APRIL, 1901,
at 3.30 P.M., at his Auction Rooms,
DUDDALL STREET.

LOT 1.—All that piece of ground registered at the Land Office as Section C of Inland Lot No. 58; with the 3 storied dwelling house containing 6 rooms known as No. 5 Seymour Road with stone and iron verandahs and commanding a good view of the Harbour. This property is held from the Crown for the residue of a term of 999 years subject to a mortgage for \$8,000 at 8 per cent per annum.

LOT 2.—All those pieces of ground respectively registered at the Land Office as Section A of Hinguhom Inland Lot No. 211 and Section A of Hinguhom Inland Lot No. 212 held from the Crown for the respective residues of the terms of 75 years subject to a mortgage for \$5,000 at 3 per cent. per annum. The Houses erected on this property are Nos. 149 Market Street and 84 Bulkeley Street 3 storeys high newly built with stone and iron verandahs and shops below near the Market and Kowloon

Docks,
For further Particulars, apply to:—
C. EWENS,
Solicitor for Vendor,
or to
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1901. [359]

NOTICE.
THE HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE
HAMBURG, will establish their own
OFFICE at HONGKONG, Queen's Building

on the 1st of APRIL.
The Undersigned have been appointed
LOCAL MANAGERS.
HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office,
K. OLDÖRP, }
W. von JANSOHN, } Managers
Hongkong, 15th March, 1901. [33]

NOTICE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL

TOYO KISEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
DURING MY ABSENCE from the Colon

MR. GEORGE ECKLEY will take Charge of the Business of the above Companies as **ACTING AGENT.**

Hongkong, 19th March, 1901. [344]

To be Let.
TO LET.

POSSESSION APRIL 1ST.
1, STEWART TERRACE.

Apply to J. W. NOBLE.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1901. [297]

RICHMOND TERRACE, Nos. 2 and 4,
Possession on 1st APRIL; No. 6, Im-
mediate Possession.

Apply to
LAU CHU PAK,
Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1961 [175]

TO LET.
"WOODLANDS WEST," No. 9, SEY
 YOUR ROAD

Apply to "S.B."
C/o This Office.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE.

A HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST

MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1901

MASSON.

VICTORIA ~~N~~ PRECEPTOR

AND PRIORY.
A REGULAR MEETING of the VIC

W. TORIA PRECEPTORY AND PRIOR
will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TCC
MORROW, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M.
precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordial

Invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1901. [35]

Co-day's Advertisements

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Office of the Company,
14, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY,
the 6th April, 1901, at NOON, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,
1900, and for the election of Directors and
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 30th instant, to the
30th April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [362c]

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN or EURASIAN MATRON
is required to take CHARGE of the
FEDERAL HOME for Chinese Women and
Girls and Others, KUALA LUMPUR, SELANGOR.
Salary \$50 a month. Unfurnished Quarters
are provided. The Qualifications required are
a knowledge of colloquial Cantonese or Malay.
Applications accompanied by References or
Testimonials to character should be forwarded
to the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS,
KUALA LUMPUR.

OLIVER MARKS,
Ag. Secretary to Resident-General,
Federated Malay States.
Kuala Lumpur,
Selangor, 19th March, 1901. [361c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR HAIPHONG.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Port, TO-MORROW, the 26th instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [360c]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DAIJIN MARU,"
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 31st instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUBISHI KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [226c]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"
Captain P. T. Helms, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the
Electric-light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for
return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVI-
GATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [364c]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"CHUSAN,"
Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, at
Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [5c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANTON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
SUETZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
5 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 31st instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by means
of any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [5c]

Co-day's Advertisements

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Mr. HENRY DALLAS'
COMIC OPERA SEASON.

TO-NIGHT!
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY),
AND
WEDNESDAY,
FIRST PRODUCTION

FIRST PRODUCTION
IN CHINA OF
"THE GAY
PARISIENNE."

THE GREATEST SUCCESS
ever produced at the
DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE,
LONDON.

THURSDAY NEXT,
AND ON
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
THE WORLD-FAMOUS JAPANESE
OPERA
"THE GEISHA."

FULL CHORUS.
AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA.

PLAN at ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Usual Prices.

Doors Open 8.30. Commence 9 P.M.

A Late Tram will run nightly during the
Company's visit.

BERTRAM HERMANN,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [288c]

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned will be
REMOVED to the P. & O. Buildings,
DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, on the 1st April.
GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [365c]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 162.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,
to be held at the Offices of the Public Works
Department, on

MONDAY,
the 1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., are
published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1901. [363c]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting
by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday,
the 1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., at
the Offices of the Public Works Department,
by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of
One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony
of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1.	Barker Road	130 ft. by 130 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	85	1,500

Intimations.

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta,
may be consulted for SPECTACLES
at 16, Queen's Road Central,
(R. ROUGHTON & Co.)
(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).
Business hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of cataracts and
diseases affecting those advancing in
life occur to those having some deficiency in
the construction of the eyes—the many years of
"Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease.
Glasses specially adapted in youth to those
requiring them save and preserve the sight.
Constantly recurring headaches, spells of
dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters
running together, any of these symptoms indi-
cate a deficiency in the form of the eye requir-
ing Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES
only after testing the sight.

ADVISE FREE. [1454b]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAIRN ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Cuffs renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing: Cor-
sets, Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into books for the Children of the Poor Schools,
who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [5c]

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

SPECIALITIES FOR THE
SEASON.

PORT WINE
AND
SHERRY

the finest Vintages.

CLARETS
including Wines from the most celebrated
Chateaux.

SCOTCH WHISKY.
Our Whiskies are so well known and
appreciated that comment is unnecessary.

CONFECTIONERY.
Imported from the leading London and
Parisian Houses.

COGNAC BRANDY.
Hennessy's finest productions.
Quality guaranteed.

AERATED WATERS
Absolute purity guaranteed.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

BIRTH.

On the 16th of March, at 36, Nanking Road,
Shanghai, the wife of J. J. JUDAH, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 19th of March, at the General Hos-
pital, Shanghai, ROBERT GIBSON, late Foreman
Carpenter at Farham, Boyd & Co.'s Cosmo-
politan Dock, aged 28 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1901.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH SOUTH
AFRICA.

LONDON, March 22nd.

Botha, the brother of the Commandant
was killed at Doornburg, and his two sons
wounded. The Boers in the Orange River
Colony have disbanded and scattered. De
Vet is near Heilbron.

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The United States suggest that \$200,000,000
be fixed as a lump sum for the Chinese in-
deemnity, to be divided into eight equal
parts.

NEW GERMAN LOAN.

A new German loan of £15,000,000 is
announced.

(From the N. C. Daily News.)

Count von Bulow on the
China Crisis.

BERLIN, March 15th.

When debating on the credit-bill for the
China Expedition, the Chancellor Bulow
made a lengthy speech in the Reichstag. He
stated that the negotiations with China would
be concluded by the visit of Prince Chun to
Germany. But, he added, the peace negotia-
tions at Peking had not yet ended. However,
the Chinese Government had already formally
acknowledged their liability in regard to paying
indemnities. In order to allow China to be
independent as to her future finances, only the
Customs revenue and the salt duties could be
used for the payment of the indemnities now
claimed. But it would be dangerous if the
Powers were to claim indemnities as well. It
was evident that, until the Chinese Government
had given full security as to the payment of the
indemnities, the troops could not be withdrawn
from the province of Chihli.

The Anglo-German agreement, Count Bulow
further stated, did in no way refer to Manchuria.
It was the aim of all the Powers to see that the
economic strength of the Chinese Empire was
not in any way diminished. All the Powers
agreed as to this point. He could specially
state that the relations between Germany and
Russia had not been altered by any recent
events in the Far East. There was likewise
no disagreement between Germany and France
as to the Chinese questions. On other hand
Germany fully acknowledged that Japan had the
right to take a place amongst the great Powers.
The Triple Alliance, the Chancellor said, was
just as much in force as ever it was.

The speech of the Chancellor apparently
made a deep impression on all parties of the
Reichstag and did much to throw light upon
the general situation.

The credit-bill of the Government was then
passed without further question.

In pursuance of his speech before the
Reichstag, Chancellor Count Bulow intimated
that the Powers would see that by not inter-
fering with the indemnity question the interests of
the owners of Chinese securities would in no way

expressed by all Powers the German com-
mander-in-chief, Count Waldersee, would re-
main in China till all demand of the Allies
had been complied with. Count Bulow fur-
ther stated that his aim was to maintain the
friendliest relations with England, and that in
pursuance of this policy the course, which
affairs in China had taken up to date, was very
gratifying to him.

The Misunderstanding with
Russia.

TIENSIN, March 15th.

The Russians have objected to the construc-
tion by the British of a siding at the railway
station at Tientsin, and the situation is strained.
Russian and British pickets are guarding the
line, and the proceedings are keenly watched
at Tientsin.

March 16th.

The railway matter has been referred home,
meanwhile the situation is unchanged. There is
no justification for the Russian opposition to
the siding.

No Railway Men Wanted.

Applications for positions on the railway are
incessant, and there are no vacancies.

Outlaws Surprised.

PEKING, March 19th.

Yesterday a cavalry patrol surprised a number
of Chinese outlaws in a village near Tanghsien,
about 25 miles to the west of Peking. There
were seven of their number killed and three
captured, whilst the remainder fled in a westerly
direction.

The news of this reached Peking after
considerable delay, the wires having been cut
by the Chinese.

A French Expedition.

This forenoon an expeditionary corps will
leave Peking going in a north-westerly direc-
tion in order to put an entire end to the brigand-
age and robberies. The bands of robbers have
entrenched themselves in caves and go about
the country robbing and pillaging the natives.
The expeditionary corps is composed of three
companies of infantry, two mountain guns, one
troop of horse, and one troop of sappers.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 24th at 12.5 p.m. the barometer has
fallen in N. China and the Sea of Japan, risen
in S. China. The depression seems to be
moving N.E. in the Sea of Japan. Gradients
slight to moderate, monsoon in S. China and
the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—
Moderate or light N.E. winds; fine.

On the 25th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
risen on the E. coast of China, and is little
changed in the South. Pressure is highest
between the E. coast of China and W. Japan,
and gradients are slight with light winds on
the coast, and moderate monsoon in the N. part
of the China Sea. Forecast:—Light or moderate
E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Brough Company are drawing bumper
houses at Shanghai.

YESTERDAY at the Hungnam Dry Dock a
Japanese seaman fell from his ship into the
dock and sustained injuries from which he died.

A SHANGHAI paper of 20th instant states that
H.M.S. *Plover* is ashore in Matung Channel,
about 40 miles below Kiukiang. Assistance
has been sent to her.

A EUROPEAN or Eurasian matron for the
Federal Home for Chinese Women and Girls,
at Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, is required vide
advertisement appearing elsewhere.

THE N. C. D. News hears that it is nearly set-
tled, as a result of a Consular meeting on 16th
instant, that lotteries will be prohibited in the
Foreign Settlement at Shanghai.

MR ALEC MARSH who name is now so familiar
with us, is to proceed to Shanghai shortly,
to give a concert at the Lyceum Theatre, on the
16th of April. He will be assisted by the lead-
ing local Amateurs there.

THE Duke-Regent Johann Albrecht of Mecklen-
burg-Schwerin gave his brother Duke Hendrik
a service of magnificent silver plate for his
wedding present. It included four huge solid
silver tureens, twelve silver entree dishes,
candelabra, and jardiniere. Every piece bears
the arms of the House of Mecklenburg.

Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America
Cup will not be postponed in consequence of
the Queen's death, the *Daily Express* says,
though he was personally willing to withdraw.
The business interests involved are of such
magnitude as to make the carrying-out of the
challenge a necessity involving the employment
of many thousands of people.

NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 363.

CHINA SEA.

Yangtze River—Kiangling District.

Tunglin Island Beacon Light Established.

Notice is hereby given that the Tunglin
Island Beacon Light was exhibited for the first
time at sunset on the 16th ultimo.

The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric, of
the Sixth Order, showing a fixed white light.
The Beacon is placed on the lower, or
northern, end of the island.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,
A. M. DISNEY,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspectors' Office,
Shanghai, 16th March, 1901.

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

NEW PRODUCTION TO-NIGHT.

At the Theatre Royal this evening Mr.
Henry Dallas stages that lively and useful
musical comedy "The Gay Parisienne" for the
first time in the East. It is also the first per-
formance that this company will have given of
the piece and an especial interest attaches to
the production on this account. Commencing
his Far Eastern tour at his own theatre in
Calcutta, each season, Mr. Dallas invariably
produces all the pieces, he intends playing
through the tour during his stay in the Indian
Capital, but owing to a shorter season than
usual this last cold weather, fewer attractions
were staged than in "The Gay Parisienne"
to make her initial bow to a Hongkong
audience, an event which, at the advantage of
having not been slow to get advantage of by
bookings their places for good time. A large
house is assured.

perfect mounting and careful stage manage-
ment—there can be no doubt of the result of
to-night's production. As Mr. and Mrs. Dallas
comb Mr. and Mrs. Dallas have parts which
might have been specially written for them, and
which taken all round may look forward to a per-
formance this evening, such as only the Dallas
Company can give. We are pleased to learn
that Mr. Hugh Metcalfe having recovered
from his recent indisposition is back again in
the cast.

FOOTBALL.

THE FINAL FOR THE CHALLENGER SHIELD.

The final tie for the Shield was played on
Saturday, the 17th Company (Siege
Train), S.D., R.G.A., played H. Company,
R.W.F. the rain in the morning had softened
the ground considerably, and accurate football
was placed at a discount accordingly. The
Shield was on view prior to the commencement
of the game, and was the object of much
admiration. There was a large attendance,
and the stand was completely filled, and con-
tained, amongst others, H.E. the Governor (Sir
Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.) and, later, H.E. Major-
General Gascoigne, C.M.G. The teams were
in the field before the time fixed for the kick
off, 4.30, and although the Siege Train were the
favourites, a close game was anticipated, espe-
cially as it was known that the men had been
training.

The teams were accorded a hearty reception
on taking the field at 4.30 sharp, with Mr. J. A.
Ross as referee.

The teams were:—
Siege Train: Goal—Field (Captain); backs—
Moorhouse and O'Brien; half-backs—Har-
man, Nicol, and Suttie; forwards—Gettings,
Cleave, Phinn, Blair, and Bond.

R.W.F.: Goal—Johnson; backs—Smart
and Edwards; half-backs—Roberts, Stafford,
and Sweete; forwards—Edwards, Geshon,
Shields (Captain), Dobbs, and Walters.

Shields set the ball in motion for the Fusiliers.
He passed to Geshon, who sprinted, and gave
up to Edwards on the outside. A dash was
made up the field, but a neat shot was stopped
by Moorhouse, who returned the ball to mid-
field. The ball was placed rather badly from a
corner by the R.W.F. and they committed an
illegal charge for which they were penalised.
Moorhouse took the kick but the Siege Train
forwards visited the Fusiliers' defences. Follow-
ing play in mid-field, the Siege Train got a
throw-in on their left wing, and their forwards
made for the Fusiliers' goal. Smart proved too
much for them, however, and sent them about.
The Siege Train continued to press, but were
turned by a free kick for offside against Get-
tings. This player took the ball and headed to
Phinn. The latter shot just as Smart made
for the ball, which was a swift one, and evaded
Johnson, dropping into the corner of the net,
the scoring thus being opened five minutes
from the kick off. From the centre-kick play
was taken to the Fusiliers' half, but the pressure
was relieved by Roberts, who sent the ball to
net. Another foul against the Fusiliers for an
illegal charge gave Gettings a good opportunity,
and a splendid sprint carried him up the field.
Gettings was just

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held in the Chamber Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th March, 1901, at 2.30 p.m.—Present: Sir Thomas Jackson (Chairman), C. S. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. A. Haupt, Hon. J. J. Keswick, A. M. Marshall, W. Poate, R. L. Richardson, N. A. Siebs, H. E. Tomkins, Hon. J. Thurnburn, (ex officio), and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting (held 14th February), and of the special meeting held on the 25th February were read and confirmed.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

The Chairman said that before proceeding to the business of the meeting he should like to say two or three words about his election as chairman. He was much obliged to the members of the Chamber for the honour they had done him, but he had no idea that it was intended before he should certainly have declined it in advance. The fact was he had not the time to give to the work, and he should feel obliged if the Committee would find some one to take his place.

There being no response to his appeal, the Chairman said he must act for the present.

The Vice-Chairman said he was in much the same position as Sir Thomas Jackson. He had no idea that he would be elected or he should have protested against it. He really had not the experience necessary.

The Committee considered Mr. Sharp should accept the position.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.

The Chairman read a letter to the Secretary from Mr. A. M. Marshall tendering his resignation from the Committee owing to his early departure for Japan.

The Chairman after expressing the thanks of the Committee to Mr. Marshall for his services during the past year, proposed that Mr. H. A. Ritchie be invited to rejoin the Committee in his place.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chairman proposed, the Vice-Chairman seconded, and it was carried, that the corresponding Committee should consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. J. J. Keswick, and Mr. H. A. Ritchie; and the arbitration committee be composed as follows:—Messrs. A. Haupt, W. Poate, R. L. Richardson, N. A. Siebs, and H. E. Tomkins.

THE TRANSIT OF PRODUCE IN CHINA.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting, a copy of the letter of Mr. J. J. Topich, addressed to the China Association, had been forwarded to him by that body and circulated. Mr. Kopsch urged that the Treaty Powers should insist on the Chinese Government accepting and adopting the Chinese outward transit regulations at all Treaty Ports, &c.

The Chairman said this was a large question and would require more consideration than they had been able to give to it, and he thought it would have to be taken in connection with that larger question of Tariff Revision. The Committee heartily concurred in these remarks.

THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Read letter from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire calling attention to need for some regulations to control and direct the navigation of native craft in the approaches to the harbour.

A draft letter to the Government on the subject by the Secretary was read and adopted.

THE TRADE IN NAPHTHA AND GASOLINE.

A letter dated the 27th February having been received from the Government, forwarding copy of a letter from the Standard Oil Company of New York, and inquiring whether, in the opinion of the Committee, the trade in the above products was likely to assume any large proportions in the Colony.

To this a reply was despatched on the 11th March to the effect that though at the outset the trade would be small, it might eventually attain to considerable proportions.

THE FUMIGATION AND DISINFECTING BUREAU.

Read letter from the Colonial Secretary in reply to the Chamber's letter of the 14th February on this subject, dated 22nd idem, stating that a copy of the letter and its enclosure had been sent to the Government of the Straits Settlements, inquiring whether they would consent to the proposal made by the Chamber.

The Chairman said that they must now await the decision of the Straits Government in the matter.

THE PROPOSED REGISTRATION OF SERVANTS.

In accordance with the decision come to at the last meeting, a letter was despatched to the Government on this subject, in reply to a request to the Chamber for their opinion to the effect that the Committee considered that the enactment of such a law would be inadvisable and probably impolitic.

The Chairman said he thought that closed the matter so far as the committee were concerned.

THE PROPOSED RESERVATION OF EASTERN SEAS.

The Chairman said, as they were aware, another letter on this subject had been received from the Secretary to the Fourth Congress of Chambers, after further communication with the Foreign office. He thought it would perhaps be well to first read the Chamber's letter, which was dated the 5th February.

The letters were then read.

The Chairman, continuing, expressed the opinion that there was nothing further to be said, and, after some discussion,

It was decided to send a courteously worded reply in acknowledgment.

QUARANTINE.

Read letter from Government, in reply to Chamber's letter of the 11th February regarding the publication of quarantine notifications, to the effect that H. E. the Governor had decided to ascertain the views of the Government of the Straits Settlements before definitely deciding this question.

Also read letter from Singapore Chamber of Commerce in reply to an inquiry addressed to it by this Chamber, as to what publicity was given to the notification declaring Singapore infected, stating in reply that the notification in question was posted in the Shipping Office, published in the local newspapers on the 29th and 30th November, and in the Government Gazette, and the Committee did not see how it could well have been made more public.

Also read two letters of 6th March and one dated 17th idem from the Colonial Secretary, forwarding quarantine notices from Rangoon and Calcutta, which had been acknowledged, the attention of the Government being then drawn to the apparently comprehensive means adopted by the Rangoon Authorities to secure publicity for their notifications.

Further letters, dated 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th March, from the Government with reference to quarantine notices were then read. The first stated that quarantine as against Hongkong had been withdrawn at Calcutta and Chittagong, the next that it had been

Hongkong an account of small-pox; the fourth that it had been removed at Chinese ports as against arrivals from Singapore; and the last giving a return of cases of plague at Singapore, showing that ten clear days had elapsed there without a case being reported, and that a clean bill of health had been issued accordingly.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CHINESE TARIFF.

The Chairman said the Secretary had, owing to pressure of work, been unable to draft a letter to the British Minister at Peking to give the views of the Chamber on this subject as requested. He thought this matter would entail a good deal of enquiry and consideration, and from the present aspect of affairs up North, he was afraid the opportunity for the settlement of the Tariff and kindred questions was still distant.

THE LATE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman—That concludes the business on the agenda, gentlemen, but before we separate, I think we should take some special notice of the services of the late chairman and our former colleague, Mr. Gray presided over the Chamber for some four years and gave great attention to the work. I do not think it is too much to say that the remarkable progress made by the Chamber of late years was aided by his efforts. I therefore now move that the committee do tender to Mr. R. M. Gray their very hearty thanks for his eminent services as chairman of this Chamber during the past four years, and the Secretary be instructed to convey this resolution to Mr. Gray in writing (applause).

The Vice-chairman said he cordially concurred with the remarks made by the Chairman about Mr. Gray, and he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution just proposed.

The resolution was then put and carried amid acclamation.

This concluded the business.

QUARANTINE.

We have received the following letter for publication—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, 25th March.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that this Chamber is in receipt of intelligence from the Government that the following telegram has been received from the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements:—

"Hongkong declared infected."

Yours faithfully,

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary.

The following was issued to-day as a Gazette Extraordinary—

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—NO. 185.

The following telegram has been received from the Government of Singapore:—

"Hongkong declared to be infected."

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1901.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Before His Honour Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., (Chief Justice.)

March 25th.

THE WANCHAI MURDER.

The hearing of the case against the woman named Wong Po on an indictment charging her with the murder of Kwong Cheung at 143 Queen's Road East on the 5th of February last, came on again this morning.

Messrs. P. A. Cox, John Galbraith, Wan Kai Mi, G. Hunter, F. A. C. Hahn, G. Patton, G. Meyer.

Mr. E. Sharp (instructed by Mr. Bowley, Crown Solicitor) appeared for the defence. Mr. Sharp in his address for the defence said there could be no doubt that a murder had been committed and the usual question which a jury had to consider in dealing with these charges was whether the prisoner caused the death of the deceased. They were not asked to say whether the death was due to some other cause, and they were not asked to consider any matter which usually had to be considered in charges of murder. The murder was of a very dastardly character, but the only question for the jury to decide was who did it. There was no doubt that there were circumstances of suspicion against the prisoner. It was perfectly clear that, according to the witnesses, the prisoner was the only person present when the thieves were alleged to have entered. It was also clear that the prisoner was the only person who could give an account of what happened between about nine and eleven o'clock. There were suspicions against her. He would submit and read a number of authorities that there was nothing more dangerous than what was called circumstantial and presumptive evidence. This was a typical case, as the evidence did not purport to prove directly that the person charged committed the murder, though it purported to raise the inference. He thought his Lordship would confirm his statement when he said that more miscarriages of justice were due to evidence of this character than to anything else. Frequently there was no doubt that there were circumstances of suspicion against the prisoner. Were the facts proved inconsistent with the innocence of the prisoner? He thought he would satisfy them that whatever circumstances appeared to them to be against the prisoner, there was nothing approaching to absolute proof of the guilt of the prisoner. The prisoner's story was consistent from beginning to end, and had been told very fully. He suggested that if it had been fabricated upon practically the instant of the murder, the reiterated statement of the prisoner would be inconsistent with the circumstances. The story was that a number of men, probably about six entered the house for the purpose of robbing the prisoner, the deceased, or both. The prisoner had quarrelled with the other two. The evidence led to the belief that robbery was intended which incidentally led to murder, that the wife instigated some men to commit a robbery. The deceased went to assist the prisoner against the robbers and he suggested that the murder was then committed without any premeditation whatever on their part. The robbers ran off, fearing discovery, and the prisoner, in her fright, got up and bolted the door. It was clear that if the thieves were not instigated by the wife, they were familiar with the ways of the house and the contents of the boxes. The general history of the wretched household they would have become familiar with during the last few days. The jealousy of the wife and the prisoner were also familiar. The circumstances that the wife said in the evidence that the prisoner was responsible for the deceased losing his situation at the Supreme Court, and also for his not obtaining any work afterwards, were worthy of note. The relations between the prisoner and the deceased were very intimate and quarrels were incessant in the house. Mr. Sharp then dwelt upon the character of the evidence for the prosecution and upon the facts of the law upon the subject.

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CANTON NOTES.

SMALL-POX.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 23rd. There are a few cases of small-pox scattered about the city, but not more than are usually found about the beginning of the year. Careful enquiry has failed to reveal any part of the city in which the disease is epidemic. No deaths are reported from the disease. The Chinese are not at all alarmed when small-pox appears, and persons with the disease still upon their faces freely about the streets. Under such conditions it is a mystery why the disease does not become epidemic annually.

U. S. MINISTER CONGRU.

The U. S. Minister Conger, with Mrs. Conger and Miss Conger, have been spending a few days in Canton. They leave for Macao on Monday morning. The following clipping from a leading Brooklyn paper is of interest, coming as it does while the U. S. Minister is amongst us:—

CONGR MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

WASHINGTON, February 12th. It is reported that Minister Conger, the United States representative at Peking, has sent a cablegram to a prominent Iowa newspaper, in response to a question, that he would accept the nomination for Governor of that State if it were offered to him, but declining to state if it were offered to him. As there is practically a unanimous feeling in Iowa to make Mr. Conger the next Governor, this is believed to pre-arrange the Minister's resignation at Peking.

MORE THIEVES CAGED.

The four thieves, caught near the steamer wharves and condemned to be exhibited in cages for six months, died before half the term had expired. Seven others have been caught and are now on exhibition. I have not been able to learn how long they are to be caged. Crowds of Chinese gather daily to gaze upon them. Now that the cold weather is practically over they may be able to endure the punishment.

THE CRISIS IN THE NORTH.

SHANGHAI.

China, Russia, and the Powers.

SHANGHAI, 18th March.

The intrigues that are distracting the Court at Hsian are well indicated by the following news which has reached us from a well-informed source:—

"About three weeks ago, the Viceroys Liu K'un-yi and Chang Chih-tung sent a telegram to the Court at Hsian, in which they protested against the Russian secret treaty, and said that if the Court had to choose between offending Russia and offending the other Foreign Powers, it would be safer to offend Russia and keep friendly with the other Powers, whose help could be obtained, if necessary, by and by. When this telegram arrived at Hsian, it was at once strongly supported by Yung Lu. The Court then consulted Lu Chuan-lin, who advised that the matter be referred to Li Hung-chang. This was done, and Li Hung-chang—who has intimate connection with Russia in recent years—replied in very strong terms. He said 'If you have to make such a choice, you had better make friends with Russia and offend the other Powers.' He also added that he strongly advised the Court not to listen to Liu K'un-yi or Chang Chih-tung as they are pro-English and pro-Japanese. When Li Hung-chang's message arrived at Hsian, it was immediately strongly supported by Lu Chuan-lin. A struggle then commenced between Lu Chuan-lin and Yung Lu. The former said that if the Court offended Russia, it would put an end to the dynasty at once. Yung Lu argued in reply was to the effect, that if they could rely friendly to the other Powers, they could rely friendly to the other Powers, but if they could not rely friendly to the other Powers, Russia could not be trusted to help China."

"This went on for some days, when Yung Lu applied for ten days' leave, which was granted. Lu Chuan-lin then obtained for the time sole control of the Grand Council, and took some very active measures."

We should have expected that Yung Lu, with the support of Wang Wen-shao and Sun Chia nai, would have been able to over-ride Lu Chuan-lin. The whole story shows the chaos that reigns at the Court at present.

Friday's Meeting.

The following telegrams were sent to Hsian, Peking, Nanking, and Wuchang, on Saturday, as a result of the Mass Meeting of Chinese gentry, literati and merchants residing here, held at the Chang Gardens, on Friday afternoon:—

To H. E. Tse-tsun, Governor of Shensi at Hsian. Please present the following to their Majesties the Empress Dowager and Emperor on our behalf:—Should the treaty with Russia be ratified, the various Powers will follow her example and demand each one a piece of territory. Great Britain is arranging for a War Loan for the purpose of getting firm hold of the Yangtze provinces. Should the United States Germany, Japan, and other Powers follow her footsteps, the destruction of China will be immediate. We pray their Majesties to command the Peace Commissioners and Chinese Minister to Russia to oppose with all their strength the Russian treaty, thereby saving the Empire from danger and destruction."

To Prince Ching and Grand Secretary Li Hung-chang at Peking. If the treaty with Russia be ratified, China will be lost to us once. Great indignation and opposition felt by the gentry and common people and we pray that you will sternly oppose the ratification in accordance with right and reason and so save the critical situation."

To H. E. Viceroy Liu K'un-yi at Nanking:—If the Russian treaty be an accomplished fact, the peace negotiations will be prevented and there will be a change over the whole situation. We hear the British Government have prepared a War Loan, and their intention is to possess the Yangtze provinces. The South-eastern provinces are in momentary danger, and we pray your Excellency to combine with the other Viceroys and Governors in opposing the treaty and cancelling it with all your strength in order to save our country from danger."

The telegram to Wuchang for Viceroy Chang Chih-tung being the same as the above, there is no necessity for repeating the message here. The gravity of the situation and the bold example of the few patriots who had arranged the mass meeting on Friday, seems to have fired the enthusiasm and (latent) patriotism of numbers of other gentry, literati and merchants not only residing here but in other parts of this province, so that telegrams and letters have been arriving in large numbers congratulating the patriots and asking to be allowed to affix their names to the roll also.

Chang Pei-lun.

March 19th.

The notorious son-in-law of Li Hung-chang

ship which was taken away for his (Chang's) disgraceful cowardice in the naval battle at Pagoda Anchorage, Foochow in 1884 between the French and Chinese fleets, has written to his friends at Peking that he expects to arrive there during the first week of April next. It is further stated that Li Hung-chang intends to give his son-in-law the post of confidential secretary and draftsman of memorials to the Throne.

Amongst the Telegrams

sent abroad by the Committee selected at the Mass Meeting at Chang Su-ho's gardens last Friday were one to Japan and one to Minister Yang Lu at St. Petersburg. The one to Japan was addressed to the President of the Japanese Oriental, or Far East Association in the following terms:—"The ratification of the secret treaty between our country and Russia threatens the existence of the Empires of Eastern Asia. We have held a mass meeting to protest against the matter and we pray for the influence of your honourable association to save us from the danger which threatens the existence of our country."—The telegram to Minister Yang Lu was as follows:—"The knowledge of the agreement with Russia has created immense excitement and stirred up great indignation amongst the gentry, literati and common people of the Empire, and the aspect of affairs is now entirely changed. A great calamity threatens China. We pray you to use your utmost exertions to prevent the accomplishment of the treaty."

Peace Negotiations.

PEKING March 17th. The peace negotiations are quietly progressing in a satisfactory way, notwithstanding all statements to the contrary. At present only the committees are meeting to consider the question of indemnities. An agreement has not yet been arrived at and will probably not be arrived at for some time to come. It is expected that negotiations between the different Powers at home will be necessary, in order to come to an understanding about the principles which are to rule the decision of private claims, the views of the Ministers in this question differing considerably. Therefore it is evident that it will be rather a long time before the Ministers will be able to meet again with the Chinese Plenipotentiaries.

Chinese Troops in Fortified Positions.

Two thousand regular Chinese troops are in strongly fortified positions about 12 miles west of the Great Wall, on the highway leading from Pootung directly westward into the Province of Shansi. The Allies do not intend to advance against these positions, but by mounted patrols they are kept advised of every movement of the Chinese. The Antsuling Pass, which is situated about 5 miles on this side of Shansi, is occupied by the Allies. There are at present two companies of infantry and a troop of horse, but more infantry and artillery will be sent there very shortly.

TIENTSIN.

Affairs in the North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, March 8th.

I think I mentioned in my last that the state of the country round Tientsin is exceedingly disturbed, but when I say "around Tientsin" I really mean the whole of North China, from Moukden down to the South of Chihli, and even into Honan. News is coming in from all sides that the Boxers are again actively drilling, and they maintain that next time they move it will be to some purpose, and they will not make the same mistakes again. They are evidently seeking to perfect themselves in their art this time and are working hard. Some very important books have lately been discovered which are being very widely circulated and are being printed and distributed in widely separated districts with the greatest secrecy. I have to-day seen three of these interesting booklets, but cannot get even the loan of them to translate, but hope soon to be in possession of some copies. They contain the vilest possible accusations, against foreigners, I believe, and are throughout referred to as "the devils." One of them has been printed here in Tientsin City since the Siege. They are being taken up to Sir Ernest Satow who will, I hope, not merely make a note of them and pigeon-hole them.

There is very little change in the general situation. Many of the Chinese believe the Emperor is returning, but the more intelligent naturally argue that if this was so there would surely be some stir of preparation and some indisputable sign of his coming would be seen. Personally I do not think the Court will return so long as there is the faintest chance of being able to make a stand, and all the foolish talk about our troops or some of the allies withdrawing is only making the Chinese more confident. It is very much to be hoped that a really organized attempt to retake one of the two captured cities will be made, or some definite outrage attempted just to clinch matters a bit and stop this halfhearted belief in China's assurances and protestations.

The German policy of scouring the country round would be admirable and effective if only they would take advice and seek counsel with those who know who is who. They go along however on their own gait and as often as not liberate Boxers and imprison innocent people and in this way they are doing considerable harm. The Boxers are undoubtedly having a good deal of fun with us. One redoubtable fellow was told the attack on Seymour, and pulled up the railroad station, was recently known to have posed as a guide and informant, and to have guided the British from Peking to attack a body of, as he said, Boxers, who were in reality quite harmless Chinese. The Chinese are undoubtedly dancing on the shadow of our coat tails while we flatter ourselves we are metaphorically grinding them to powder!

The first break in our mourning abstention from all public functions and amusements takes place on Saturday, when the *Pickpocket* is given in the Gordon Hall. This piece was interrupted by illness last year and by Her Majesty's death this year, but promises to come off well now, although several changes have taken place in the cast.

The weather is becoming genial now and the Indian officers are looking chirpy over the return of spring. Considerable annoyance is caused here by the French soldiers who swagger all over the place four and five abreast, and resent being made to get out of the way. They all wear side arms and occasionally use them, and serious consequences will probably some day ensue through their being allowed about the settlement so much.

SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER ACTION.

The *N. C. Daily News* in a paragraph, this morning, referring to the action pending between themselves and the *Shanghai Mercury* Ltd., refers to "the action we were obliged to protect ourselves from a continuance of the piratical proceedings from which we have been so long sufferers." This is scarcely correct. We have been in the habit of following a custom, that is prevalent all over the world, that is we have copied the telegrams and acknowledged the source whence we took them. We have done this notwithstanding that having a service of our own quite independent of Reuters we were in no sense dependent on the *North-China Daily News* for any information, and our readers are aware how effectively we have fulfilled our promise that that service would render them independent of our morning contemporary. Our reason for this proceeding concerns the public more than ourselves. Had our telegram been drawn from the same source as Reuters' they would have contained nothing beyond those available from our contemporary, but proceeding from a different source the two have frequently supplemented one another, and, without extra expense, the public were able to see how an item of perhaps important news appeared to two perfectly independent observers. That it is in the interest not only of our readers but also of those of the *North-China Daily News* that this mutual interchange should exist we have always contended, and we have offered in a perfectly friendly spirit to co-operate so that the public of China should be in as good a position almost as that of Australia, for instance, in receiving from separate and independent sources each day's news. We have always been willing to pay for Reuters' telegrams, but the dog-in-the-manger policy of our contemporary has even prevented us from doing this. Whilst our managing director was in London, he obtained Reuters' promise to supply the residents of Shanghai with telegrams as soon as his arrangement with the *N. C. D. News* was at an end. It has been our earnest endeavour to supply the residents of Shanghai and the outposts with all the news obtainable, but our contemporary is endeavouring to thwart us in this attempt. We may state that it was not our intention to infringe the usual rules of etiquette in commenting on a case pending in Court, but as our contemporary has done so and has attacked us we deem it necessary to offer the above explanation.—*Shanghai Mercury*, March 20th.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE "RIO DE JANEIRO."

A San Francisco cable of the 23rd ult. says:—
Thus far only eleven bodies have been recovered, six whites, four Chinese and one Japanese. Three whites are Julia Dodd, aged 55 years, stewardess; Angela Gussino, Edward Barwick, aged 4 years; Mrs. Alfred Hart, Mrs. Sarah W. Wakefield, aged 50 (the remains of her daughter are still missing); Charles Dowell, attorney and capitalist.
Survivor of the port Spear has established a patrol along the ocean near Baker beach, and along the bay shore inside Forts Point. Thus far his men have picked up four mail bags, one of these near Baker's, and the other near the Fort Point life saving station. The survivor has given orders that all fishing boats must report at the customs house. All bodies brought in by them and all wreckage and boats picked up by fishermen must be accounted for to the officers of the bureau office. In this way it is thought that looting of mail bags and trunks may be stopped. Among other effects picked up by fishermen was the box containing Capt. Ward's papers.
The value of the cargo of the Rio de Janeiro is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000 (£60,000 to £120,000). Among some papers found floating near the scene of the disaster was a copy of the manifest, showing all the consignees with the exception of the Chinese firms. The consignees whose names can be read are as follows:—S. L. Jones, Anglo-Californian bank, Bank of China, Co., M. F. Brandt, Co., London & San Francisco bank, Parrott & Co., Geo. Haley, Gulf Bag Co., Deane Bros., Bauld & Jardine and the American Trading Company.
The cargo consisted principally of silk, tea and other Oriental products. No treasure aboard as at first reported.
Of the 200 sacks of mail carried by the Rio only 12 have come to the surface.
The bodies of 11 victims lie at the morgue (the same telegram says). Only seven of them have been identified. They are:—
Mr. Sarah W. Wakefield, aged 50, a native of New York, widow of the late S. B. Wakefield, of Oakland; Mrs. Alfred Hart, of Manila; Charles Dowell, barrister, of Shanghai; Edward Barwick, German, 45 years old, San Francisco; Angelo Gussino; Mrs. Julia Doherman, aged 55, stewardess of the Rio; a Japanese, identified as the engineers' mess boys; four unidentified Chinese.

A FRIEND OF AGUINALDO.

The *New American* (Manila) of the 20th inst. says:—
Consul General Oscar F. Williams, recently appointed to represent his country at Singapore, to succeed the late Consul General Mosely, is registered at the Orient Hotel looking hale and hearty after his trip home.
Mr. Williams is possibly the most interested person in the pacification and future development of the Philippines, having been Consul General at Manila when the trouble with Spain broke out, and who followed the course of events until the insurrection broke out.
He was a personal friend of Emilio Aguinaldo, and at the time Mr. Williams arrived in Manila with Aguinaldo in the field seems an act of presence, as he would prove an effective agent in bringing the chieftain to his senses.
When asked last evening if he would be willing to go to Aguinaldo's camp and endeavour to induce the misguided leader to give up the struggle, Mr. Williams replied: "I would be pleased to be of any service in the matter of bringing about peace. My relations with Aguinaldo were always amicable and I could rely upon his honor. I asked him not to interfere with the water system of Manila. He gave me his word that it should not be disturbed and he kept his word at the greatest strain when one stroke of a sledge hammer would have done the work. I had many conferences with the chieftain previous to the trouble, and I believe that if I went out to his camp that he would receive me kindly and it is possible that he would listen to what I had to say."
Senor Sandico, Aguinaldo's secretary of state, who is now with him, owes his life to the intervention of the consul, when Artecho was taken prisoner by Aguinaldo's forces when he landed in Cavite. Sandico was a friend of Artecho and in capturing the latter he fled to Consul Williams for protection. The result was that before he was turned back to Aggie the latter had given his promise to protect him and he kept his word.
With the relations that existed between the consul and the Filipino before the outbreak and the favorable conditions of a complete surrender it is believed by many that Consul Williams would prove a satisfactory mediator to finish the work.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1899.
Barometer.....30.141
Thermometer.....57.5
Humidity.....79.0
Rainfall.....1.76

TO-DAY.

Barometer.....30.16
Thermometer.....58
Humidity.....68
Rainfall.....—

TO-MORROW.

Monday, 25th March, 1901.

Chinese—6th of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 2min.

Sets.....6hr. 12min.

High water—Morning.....6hr. 30min.

Afternoon.....6hr. 50min.

Low water—Morning.....6hr. 50min.

Afternoon.....6hr. 50min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1839—Foreign merchants for Canton agreed not to deal in opium.

1870—Outrage upon native Christians at Yik-kau, in Fuhkien.

1896—Armed attack on a boat at Yaumati.

1897—The Hall of the Union Church, Hong-kong, opened.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1901.

Chinese—7th of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises.....6hr. 0min.

Sets.....6hr. 12min.

Moon—Max. Declination N. 7hr. a.m.

High water—Morning.....6hr. 50min.

Afternoon.....6hr. 50min.

Low water—Morning.....6hr. 50min.

Afternoon.....6hr. 50min.

AGENDA.

9 p.m.—The Dallas Company at the Theatre Royal.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAINS DUE.

Canadian (*Tartar*) 28th inst.

English (*Sobran*) 29th inst.

Canadian (*Athenian*) 1st prox.

German (*Prinzess Irene*) 2nd prox.

German (*Stuttgart*) 2nd prox.

American (*America Maru*) 12th prox.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Stuttgart*, left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai yesterday p.m. the 24th inst. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 2nd April.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sobran*, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 24th inst. at 10 p.m. with the Outward English Mail, and is due here on Friday, the 29th inst., at about noon.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

G.M.S. *Hertha*.....at Kowloon Dock.

G.M.S. *Jaguar*....." " "

U.S.S. *Isla de Luzon*....." " "

U.S.S. *Bennington*....." " "

U.S.S. *Yorktown*....." " "

H.M.S. *Firebrand*....." " "

Prosper....." " "

Selma....." " "

Albatross....." " "

Glenn....." " "

Perla....." " "

Nippon Maru....." " "

Lung Ting....." " "

U.S.S. *Concord*.....at Cosmopolitan.

Milos Colonies....." " "

Victoria....." " "

On Sang....." " "

Nivelle.....at Aberdeen.

Rajaburi....." " "

Elia Nossach....." " "

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Letters for the following persons lie unclaimed at the Post Office:—

Aheon, J.

Adams, J.

Arrowsmith

Bales, H. H.

Burck

Bingham, J. E.

Burgess, A. E.

Bilman, Mrs.

Beaumont, Mrs. G.

Beattie, Dr. A.

Brokenshire, F.

Beal, Gunner J.

Bertram, G.

Bell, L.

Brown, J.

Balfour, Mrs. M. B.

Boyd, R. P.

Birch, C.

Beylis, M.

Blanchot, G.

Dartan, Mrs. F. S.
Dennis, J.
Dunlop, J.
Delfs, Capt. P.
Davis, J.
Dickinson, A.
Dawson, C.
Dowel, Mrs. A. J. T.
Ella, J.
Earlschiffe, H.
Eastwood, J. E.
Empson, T.
Eckert, W.
Etienne, C.
Etzel, L. L.
Flores, J.
Francis, W. H.
Fidwell, J. F.
Ferguson, R. C. J.
Freeling, Lady
Fremender, V. D.
Frieburg, S. S.
Goetz, F.
Greig, Miss
Graham, Dr. M.
Grill, L. F.
Grant, W.
Garis, H. L.
Greenwood, Miss E. B.
Gyr, H. W.
Glenningham, R.
Hag Long
Hao Wah
Hang, Mrs. A.
Hamilton, G.
Hitchcock, E. A.
Hunter, C. G. W.
Hill, L.
Herman, H. V.
Hodges, J. R.
Hoolley, H. D.
Harvey, P. L.
Hall, H. M.
Harris, A. C.
Harrigan, J.
Harty, R. W.
Harris, Mrs. M.
Harkens, J.
Herbinville, L. D.
Horne, F. W.
Honey, B.
Ingold, F.
Ignan, Madame
Janiczek, K.
Jones, Dr.
Jones, C. J. Council.
Karge, T.
Knight
Kervan, R. F.
Klumbers, Capt.

List of Registered Covers in Poste Restante.

Allan Thu Con & Co.
Kalla Singh, I.P.C. 645

Adam, Miss
Kader Hadjie Mo-

Aziz Khan, Lapiz
Khadour, Exer Saleh

Abdullah Khan
Liao, Cheang

Abbas Khan
Lopes, Da. C. J.

Afzal Khan
Leopold, Herrn.

Ahmed Khan, I.P.C.
Mannington, A.

Butcher Singh
MacLaren, J. W. B. (a)

Bhagwan Singh
Mandiga, A. L.

Budha Khan (3)
Mohamed Akbar

Bull, P. Gulvao
Mohamed Khan

Brougham, Ed.
Mulla Singh

Rootay Khan, I.P.C.
Mulle, F. M.

Blank, Miss A. Arran-
Massey, J. H.

Returned.
McKoy, Capt. R. A.

Bertram, C.
Mondha Singh

Cotewall, H. R.
Mohamed Shah

Crews, J.
Mahindur Singh

Chandi Singh
Mohamed Khan, I.P.C.

Carum Bakhsh, (Um-
755

balla)
Monamed Deen, I.P.C.

Caine Road No. 29
790

Cartwright, J.
Murad Khan, I.P.C. 539

Chandrar Pal Singh
Mayson, William

Chandra Singh, I.P.C.
MacVeagh, E.

Chand, L. T.
Nab, J. M.

Darnelli, Miss F.
Noble, W.

Delhi, N. M. Khan
Nawal Khan

Easey Khan, I.P.C.
Nogueira, M.

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Nawab Khan, I.P.C. 637

Ghons, Mohamed M.
Orr, Capt. S. G.

Fur Sankar Sang
Oates, F. (2)

Fazal Ahmed
Ola to Omah, (Manila),

Falek, W.
chai, Hongkong.

Flores, J. S.
Ohaten, Madame

Fox, F. (2)
Perica, F.

Fatunale (Dombay)
Perry, D.

Felic, Elias
Pir, H.

Goh Rikaburs
Rosa, A. M. R. C.

Geoghegan, N. M.
Rouso, Miss L.

Ghulam Rasool
Rongier, J.

Galthke, Fr.
Ram Dhor Singh

Gahor Khan
Sayk, M. J. Kelly

Gewanah Sing, I.P.C.
(Singapore).

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Stern, B. (3)

Garcia, B.
Sultan Mahomed

Hans, Mrs. A. J. C.
Smulans, H.

Heintz, H.
Saloon, A. J.

Hinton, R. S.
Sato, T.

Hollister, G. K.
Sassoon, S.

Hind Singh
Stanford, Mrs. M.

Harpur, A. J.
Stevens, E. V. (London).

Hand, H. J. (Manila).
Shores, D. M.

To Constancio
Sassoon, David

Hand, V. Eng.
Smith Harry

School, Hongkong.
Shean, Geo. C.

Harwood, Thomas
Said Mohamed

Hasnam Ali, I.P.C.
Saifullah (1 parcel)

667
Sampson, Mrs. (1 p.c.)

Hilton, St. John.
Therhill, Capt.

Hazar Khan, I.P.C. 610
Tevs, Marianna

Hess, Miss O.
Telvet

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PIUM, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"TRIESTE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—
From Venice, ex S.S. *Pollux* transhipped at Trieste.

From Levante, ex S.S. *Apollo* transhipped at Port Said.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [320c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship.

"CHINA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [195c]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"

are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into their Godowns at Wanchai and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

By Order of the Chief Manager in Saigon, GEORGE ECKLEY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [7]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship.

"GLENGYLE,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days of steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1901. [355c]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "QUEEN ADELAIDE,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

HODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 190

